



**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
SAN JOSÉ CITY COUNCIL AND THE  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006**

The Council of the City of San Jose convened at 10:06 a.m. in Special Joint Session with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, at SCVWD Headquarters Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Present: Council Members      Campos, Chavez, Chirco, Cortese, Nguyen, LeZotte, Pyle, Reed, Williams, Yeager; Gonzales.

Absent: Council Members      None.

Present: SCVWD Board      Directors Estremera, Judge, Kamei, Sanchez, Santos, Zlotnick, Wilson; Williams.

Absent: SCVWD Board      None.

Documents Filed: (1) City and Water District Agendas for April 4, 2006 Special meeting. (2) SCVWD Board's Meeting Choreography Chart for the Special meeting. (3) Memorandum from San José City Manager Les White and SCVWD Chief Executive Officer Stanley M. Williams, dated March 15, 2006, recommending acceptance of the 2005 Annual Status Report on cooperative efforts between the City of San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley Water District relating to (a) Watershed Protection Partnerships, (b) Water Supply Partnerships, and (c) Parks, Trails and Open Space Partnership; and provide direction to City and District staff to schedule and prepare an agenda and materials for joint City Council and District Board study session on water issues. (4) Hard copies of the presentation entitled, *Water Resources Protection Collaborative: A Forum to Bring Interests Together*. (5) Letter from Charles Taylor, April 4, 2006, member of the Alviso Water Task Force, commenting on modifications made to the Alviso Slough.

**2. Ceremonials**

- (a) **Presentation of a POWER Award to the City in recognition of its work with the District on the Water Resources Protection Collaborative, in tandem with other local jurisdictions. (ESD)**

2. **Ceremonials (Cont'd)**

(a) **(Cont'd)**

Action: District Chair Larry Wilson presented POWER award to Mayor Gonzales for City of San José. Mayor Gonzales accepted the award on the City's behalf.

(b) **Presentation by the City of San José to the Santa Clara Valley Water District of the 2005-2006 Award for Excellence in planning, design and implementation received from the California Redevelopment Association and from the California Parks and Recreation Society for the "Guadalupe River Park and Flood Protection Project". (City Clerk)**

Action: Mayor Gonzales presented the 2005/06 Award for Excellence for the Guadalupe River Park to Chair Larry Wilson for the "Guadalupe River Park and Flood Protection Project".

(c) **Presentation of District History Book – Water in the Santa Clara Valley: A History**

Action: Chair Larry Wilson presented the District History Book to Mayor Gonzales.

Santa Clara Valley Water District CEO Stanley Williams presented a history of joint meetings and cooperation between the District and City of San José.

San José City Manager Les White commented on the success of the previous cooperative efforts between the City and the District.

Santa Clara Valley Water District CEO Williams gave an overview of the cooperative efforts between the City of San José and the Water District and explained how the meeting will progress.

3. **Annual Status Report on cooperative efforts between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District.**

(a) **Acceptance of the 2005 Annual Status Report on cooperative efforts between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District relating to:**

(1) **Water Protection Partnerships, including:**

(a) **Water Resources Protection Collaborative.**

(b) **Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan.**

(c) **Trash Removal from Creeks.**

(d) **City of San José Water Policy.**

(e) **Watershed Planning Efforts.**

(f) **Guadalupe Watershed Flood Protection Projects.**

3. **Annual Status Report on cooperative efforts between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. (Cont'd.)**
- (a) **Acceptance of the 2005 Annual Status Report on cooperative efforts between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District relating to:**
    - (2) **Water Supply Partnerships, including:**
      - (a) **Water Supply for New Developments.**
      - (b) **Integrated Water Resources Planning.**
      - (c) **Coyote Valley Specific Plan Coordination.**
      - (d) **South Bay Water Recycling Collaborative.**
      - (e) **Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Development and Implementation Grant Proposal on Advanced Recycled Water Treatment.**
    - (3) **Park, Trails and Open Space Partnership.**
  - (b) **Direct City and District Staff to schedule and prepare an agenda and material for a Joint City Council and District Board Study Session on water issues.**

**CEQA: Trash Removal - Exempt, PP04-248, Water Recycling Program - Exempt, PP04-249. Not a Project, environmental review for other individual projects has, or will be received, prior to City Council approval. (City Manager's Office/Santa Clara Valley Water District)**

District Chair Wilson introduced a Power Point presentation on "Water Resources Protection Collaborative: Forum to Bring Interests Together", (Item 1(a) by Ann Draper and Laurel Prevetti. Discussion and questions by Board and Council followed.

Discussion ensued between Board and Council ensued, followed by clarifications by City Staff on Items 1(b).

Mary Ellen Dick, Assistant to the Director of Environmental Services, and Carol Fredrickson from the District presented an outline of the efforts for trash removal from the creeks (Items 1(c) and (d). Assistant Mary Ellen Dick presented an outline of San José's water policy framework, recommending a joint study session in the fall to discuss water issues.

Council and District members' discussions continued on Item 1-(e) and (f).

Deputy Planning Director Prevetti and District staff Melanie Richardson outlined the issues relating to the Water Supply Partnerships (Item 2), focusing on impacts of Senate Bill 610. Considerable discussion followed between City and District members.

Addressing Item 3-Parks, Trains and Open Space partnership, Brian Mendenall of the District and Yves Zsutty, Program Manager for the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services presented the subject and responded to questions. Considerable discussion ensued.

Chair Wilson opened the meeting up for public comments; there were non.

**3. Annual Status Report on cooperative efforts between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. (Cont'd.)**

Action on 3(a): Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chavez, seconded by Council Member Pyle, and unanimously carried, the Annual Status Report was accepted, with additional direction for Staff to: (1) Encourage financing discussions with private sector partners on the infrastructure; (2) Explore ways to bring the County into these discussions and collaborations; (3) Continue to work to bring forward a new agreement for Penetencia Creek Trail before the current agreement expires; (4) City Manager Les White and Chief Executive Officer Stan Williams to work with the Mayor's Office and the Water District Board on lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., for priority of the Union Pacific Bridge and Guadalupe trail connections; (5) Work through the Coyote Valley water supply issues. (11-0).

District Chair Wilson called for a vote by Board Directors and the report was approved unanimously.

Action on 3(b): Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chavez, seconded by Council Member Pyle, and unanimously carried, the direction for Staff to schedule a Study Session to further discuss water related issues, was approved. (11-0).

District Chair Wilson called for a vote by Board Directors and the direction to Staff was approved unanimously.

**4 Public Forum (On items not on the agenda):**

- (1) John Asuncion, Blue Whale Sailing School, delivered information on his clean-up efforts in the Alviso Slough.
- (2) Charles Taylor, member of Alviso Water Task Force and South Bay Yacht Club, commented on clean-up and correction of illegal conditions along the Slough in Alviso.
- (3) Lourdes Rivera, resident of Alviso, stated there is a need to protect Alviso, and mentioned that the Water District is not keeping the Alviso Slough clean.
- (4) Russ Robinson, South Bay Yacht Club, stated there will be a new ramp placed in the water by the County, which is an important safety issue.

**5. Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**RON GONZALES, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**LEE PRICE, M.M.C, CITY CLERK**

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